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1. On page 1, Nachal'hikm Rayonnovo Ot'dyela is correctly Nachal'nik Rayonnogo Otdela.
2. On page 2, Geologitcheskaya is correctly Geologicheskaya.

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POSSIBLE URANIUM MINING IN LOVOZERO REGION:

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After making an inspection of explosives stored at Imandra,

"very large concrete building"

explosive storage as

at Lovozero /N 68-05, E 36-05/

given a reindeer-drawn sleigh, food supplies, and a Lapp woman who would guide them to a site "somewhere in the Tundra" where another explosive storage was to be inspected. guide and equipment was supplied by the Chief of the Regional Branch (Natchal'hikm Rayonnovo Ot'dyela) at Lovozero.

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3. Description of Trip into Tundra: The trip lasted two or three days. No towns or signs of life were seen during the whole time--only mud, snow, and forests. it would be impossible to travel through the trackless Tundra without a guide.

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## 4. Description of Surroundings at Destination:

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a labor camp located in a hilly region. Camp had 10 - 15 large tents which house an unknown number of workers. the only means of transportation in that area was by reindeer. the camp was only recently built since workers still lived in tents. These workers were probably penal laborers, since their earnings were withheld and recorded in pay books. Although food was described as excellent, workers complained about insufficient vodka rations. food was supplied by air-drops every six months. Camp had no electricity. Illumination was by kerosene lamps. few women around the camp; one tended explosives which were stored in a single tent. Stored explosives were described as "Trotyl" (which looked like cakes of soap) and "powder".

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Camp administration was housed in a log cabin. SERGEYEV spent the night there before returning to Lovozero. During the night many nearby explosions.

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## 5. Location of Camp Site:

the camp was located 120 km. from Lovozero. Lapp guide also repeated this information during the trip.

## 6. Type of Ore Mined by Camp:

the ore which was mined in the camp's vicinity "was used for the production of atomic energy (Atomnaya Energiya)." a sample of this ore described as "dark brown, looked and felt like stone coal - only brown - ore was shipped out for crushing (Pazdrobleniye).

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POSSIBLE URANIUM MINING IN SAL'NIYE TUNDRAS (KOLA PENINSULA):

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ore which was "used for the production of atomic energy". Samples of ore were seen everywhere in the cabin. described as being "just like the ore" which was seen Lovozero (described above).

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the headquarters of the Geological Survey Team which was formerly located at Leningrad, is now located in Petrozavodsk /N 61-49, E 34-20/.

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